

The FCC should view its mandate as to serve the public interest, rather than the private interests of broadcasters. There are no grounds for the FCC to impose unnecessary new local content restrictions on satellite radio. The FCC should put public interest ahead of the business interests of larger broadcasters who are threatened by competition ? including the provision of local traffic and weather reports.

Similarly, the FCC should facilitate the ability of satellite television services to provide High Definition programming offered by local broadcasters. Continued failure to allow the broadcast of these signals is a large stumbling block toward expansion of the next generation of programming.